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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Group Art Unit: 2128 Soliman, et al.

Serial No.: 10/728,295

§ Examiner: Gebresilassie, Klibrom K.

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Title: "Method for Geomechanical

> Fracture Modeling" § Docket No.: 2003-IP-011150U1

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION **MAILED MARCH 20, 2009**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed March 20, 2009. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action. The threemonth shorted statutory period expires on June 20, 2009. Applicants request a two-month extension of time to extend the period for reply to August 20, 2009. This Response is therefore timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the "Listing of Claims," which begins on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Response.